

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**GREND A GROUP, LLC and GREGORY M.
GREND A,**

Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-00954-CCR

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT GREGORY M. GREND A

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “Plaintiff”) having filed a Complaint, D.E. 1; the Court having granted the Commission summary judgment on its claims against Defendant Gregory M. Grenda (“Defendant”) under Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(f)] (the “Advisers Act”) on May 17, 2021, D.E. 87; a jury trial having been held from December 2 through December 9, 2021, as to the Commission’s claims against Defendant under Section 206(1), (2) of the Advisers Act; the jury having returned a verdict for Plaintiff as to all claims against the Defendant on December 10, 2021; and the Court having issued an Opinion and Order deciding the Commission’s motion for post-trial relief on August 11, 2022, D.E. 143;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders, adjudges, and decrees as follows:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Sections 206(1) and

206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1)-(2)], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client; or
- (b) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 203(f) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-3(f)] by permitting a person who has, by a Commission order, been suspended or barred from being associated with an investment adviser to become, or remain, associated with an investment adviser without the consent of the Commission, if the Defendant knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known, of such Commission order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or

participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$167,500 to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)]. Defendant shall make this payment within 30 days after entry of this Final Judgment.

Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>. Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

Enterprise Services Center
Accounts Receivable Branch
6500 South MacArthur Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; Grenda Group, LLC as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendant. The Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for penalties by the use of all

collection procedures authorized by law, including the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act, 28 U.S.C. § 3001 *et seq.*, and moving for civil contempt for the violation of any Court orders issued in this action. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any amounts due after 30 days of the entry of this Final Judgment pursuant to 28 USC § 1961.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, any debt for a civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendant under this Final Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

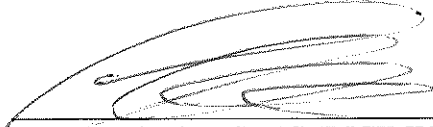
V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

VI.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: August 25, 2022



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
Christine Reiss